(*b*) whether they are aware of the difficulties and hardships experinced by the public because of the absence of a phone connection at the Alwaye Transport Booking Office?

**Mr. N. Ramamurti** (*Director of Transport*): (*a*) No.

(*b*) Yes.

**Mr. G. Narayana Aiyar**: With regard to answer to part (*b*), in view of the fact that Government are aware of the fact, are they taking any steps to remove the difficulty?

**Mr. N. Ramamurti**: Yes, Sir. Arrangements have been made with the Telephone Department.

**Mr. G. Narayana Aiyar**: Even in cases of phone communication, if the communication is received for reservation of tickets, can the officer reserve the tickets without getting the necessary money for the ticket?

**Mr. N Ramamurti**: It is not possible now. But facilities are being given for the purpose.

**Mr. G. Narayana Aiyar**: May I know whether it is not advisable to receive the amount also through phone communication in such cases?

**Mr. N. Ramamurti**: If it is definitely advantageous to the public, it can be done. But there are audit difficulties. They are being overcome now and such facilities are being arranged for the travelling public.

*State Transport Service.*

220. * **Mr. A. N. Satyanesan**: Will the Government be pleased:

(*a*) to lay on the table a statement of the accidents that occurred to the State Transport services on the Trivandrum-Nagercoil route in 1120;

(*b*) to state the loss and damages incurred thereby;

(*c*) to lay on the table a statement of the accidents that occurred to the lorry service on the Alwaye-Munnar route from 1st Chingom 1120 to the end of Thulam 1121;

(*d*) to state whether they have enquired into the cause of these accidents?

(*e*) to state why and how a private bus plies on the Alwaye Munnar route just ahead of the State Transport Express Service on the route;

(*f*) to state whether they are aware that the earning of the Express Service is adversely affected thereby; and

(*g*) to state how many buses and lorries of the State Transport Service are run on petrol and producer gas respectively?

**Mr. N. Ramamurti**: (*a*) Number of accidents 8. As the details required by the member are not specified, no statement can be furnished.

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(*b*) Two buses sustained slight damages.

(*c*) Number of accidents, 3. Statement is not furnished for the reasons stated in (a) above.

(*d*) Yes.

(*e*) This is understood to be the bus carrying Mails.

(*f*) No.

(*g*) As the period for which this information is sought is not specified it is not possible to furnish the information.

*Waiting sheds for passengers.*

221. *Mr. G. Narayana Aiyar: Will the Government be pleased to state whether there are any separate seating accommodation provided in the Parur, Alwaye and Muvattupuzha stations for passengers waiting for taking the Transport Bus service from those stations?

**Mr. N. Ramamurti**: No. Steps are being taken to provide a waiting shed at Alwaye State Transport lines.

222. *Mr. K. G. Narayana Panicker: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether there have been representations that the State Transport lines may be extended; and

(*b*) if so, what action has been taken?

**Mr. N. Ramamurti**: (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) The matter is receiving attention.

*Transport School.*

223. *Mr. A. N. Satyanesan: Will the Government be pleased to State,

(*a*) whether the State Transport Department in conducting a school for training fitters and technicians;

(*b*) if so when the school was opened;

(*c*) whether the Transport Advisory Committee was consulted on the subject;

(*d*) how many students are attending the school at present; and

(*e*) the expenditure incurred on behalf of the students in 1120?

**Mr. N. Ramamurti**: (*a*) A school was conducted for one year ending Medom 1120.

(*b*) Medom 1119.

(*c*) No; the Committee was not in existence at the time.

(*d*) Does not arise in view to answer to (*a*)

(*e*) Rs 8,000 approximately.

**Mr. A. N. Satyanesan**: ഇതിനിടയിൽ എത്രപേർ പരിശീലി പ്പിച്ചിട്ടുണ്ട്?

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